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News from the State Retirement & Pension System of Maryland

Retirement Agency seminars now open to members earlier in career; Dozens of events slated across state

ew entrance requirements will enable members with just five years of service to attend one of the State Retirement Agency's free informational seminars this fall.

Under the new guidelines, State employees with between five and 20 years of service may apply to attend one of the Agency's Life Planning **Seminars**, which provide valuable information on how to prepare for a comfortable retirement. These informationpacked programs are conducted by a dynamic group of speakers who discuss State pension benefits, Maryland Supplemental Retirement Plan benefits, family and estate planning, and successful investing.

State employees who are closer to retirement may choose to attend a **Pre-Retirement Seminar** for a detailed overview of the retirement process.
Specially trained speakers at

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→ Registration forms for Life Planning and Pre-Retirement Seminars



these events lead discussions on State pension benefits, health benefits, Maryland Supplemental Retirement Plan benefits, legal issues, Social Security, and other aspects of retirement. Entrance requirements for the Agency's

Pre-Retirement Seminars remain unchanged. Applicants must be within eight years of being eligible to retire.

A **Life Planning** registration form is printed on page 2, and the **Pre-Retiremen**t registration is printed on pages 3 and 4. Clearly mark your selected date, complete the entire form and then mail or fax it to the address listed on the form. Please do not send the registration form to the State Retirement Agency. Registration forms for either seminar also are available from your Retirement Coordinator.

Your spouse is encouraged to attend these seminars with

you. Signed interpreters are provided on request for the hearing impaired.

For more information about these seminars, please contact the Retirement Agency at 410-625-5555 or toll free at 1-800-492-5909.

Am I eligible to attend?

If you are a State employee and answer yes to one of the following questions, you may be eligible to attend the seminar indicated.

- Do you have five to 20 years of service? (Life Planning Seminar)
- Are you within eight years of being eligible to retire? (Pre-Retirement Seminar)

Complete the appropriate form included in this newsletter and send it to the address printed on the form.

STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY OF MARYLAND LIFE PLANNING SEMINARS FALL 2002 REGISTRATION FORM

State employees who have between <u>five to 20 years</u> of eligibility credit and their spouses are eligible to attend the following one-day seminar that begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. The seminar is designed to target members who are in mid-career in order to prepare them early on for retirement.

Instructions: Please place a "1" (first choice), "2" (second choice), and "3" (third choice) next to the seminar you wish to attend. Seats will fill up fast, so please indicate all choices. Return the form at least three weeks prior to the scheduled class. REGISTRATION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE. You will receive a letter confirming the seminar to which you are assigned within two weeks of the scheduled date. The confirmation letter that you receive is your "entry ticket" to the seminar, so please bring it with you. If you are found ineligible to attend the seminar, or have been placed on a waiting list, you will be notified. It is not necessary to complete this form if you previously received notification of placement on a waiting list. You will be notified of the next available seminar.

August 30, 2002 (Fri)

September 5, 2002 (Thu)

September 10, 2002 (Tue)

Western MD Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD - Correctional Officers Preferred -	State Office Building Baltimore, MD	Eastern Shore Hospital Center Cambridge, MD	Western MD Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD						
September 13, 2002 (Fri) Towson University Towson, MD	September 16, 2002 (Mon) Maryland School for the Deaf Columbia, MD	September 18, 2002 (Wed) State Office Building Baltimore, MD	September 20, 2002 (Fri) Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD						
September 24, 2002 (Tue) Morgan State University Baltimore, MD	September 27, 2002 (Fri) Frostburg State University Frostburg, MD	October 1, 2002 (Tue) Salisbury University Salisbury, MD	October 4, 2002 (Fri) Allegany College of Maryland Cumberland, MD						
October 7, 2002 (Mon) Dept. of Agriculture Annapolis, MD	October 9, 2002 (Wed) Dept. of Natural Resources Annapolis, MD - LEOPS Preferred -	October 10, 2002 (Thu) Eastern Shore Hospital Center Cambridge, MD	October 16, 2002 (Wed) Western MD Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD						
October 22, 2002 (Tue) State Office Building Baltimore, MD	October 25, 2002 (Fri) Maryland School for the Deaf Frederick, MD	October 30, 2002 (Wed) Morgan State University Baltimore, MD	November 1, 2002 (Fri) Towson University Towson, MD						
November 8, 2002 (Fri) Dept. of Agriculture Annapolis, MD	November 14, 2002 (Thu) State Office Building Baltimore, MD	November 19, 2002 (Tue) Western MD Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD	November 22, 2002 (Fri) WOR WIC Community College Salisbury, MD						
December 2, 2002 (Mon) Eastern Shore Hospital Center Cambridge, MD	December 4, 2002 (Wed) Maryland School for the Deaf Frederick, MD	December 6, 2002 (Fri) Towson University Towson, MD	December 12, 2002 (Thu) Dept. of Social Services LaPlata, MD						
December 18, 2002 (Wed) State Office Building Baltimore, MD									
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:						
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Will your spouse attend? ☐ Y	⁄es lo	Please indicate any special assi	Please indicate any special assistance required for a disability						
Employee's Signature		Date	Date						
Supervisor's Signature		Date							
Please send completed form to: LIFE PLANNING SEMINARS									

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August 23, 2002 (Fri)

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY STATE OF MARYLAND PRE-RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINARS - FALL 2002

State employees within eight years of retirement and their spouses are eligible to attend the following one-day seminars which begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. A letter of confirmation will be sent to approved participants no later than seven business days prior to their scheduled session date.

Please place "1" (first choice) and "2" (second choice) next to the seminar you wish to attend.

KJ	July 30 (Tuesday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD	KT_	September 23 (Monday) Salisbury University Salisbury, MD	LG_	October 30 (Wednesday) Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD
KK_	August 7 (Wednesday) CCBC – Essex Campus Baltimore, MD	KU_	September 24 (Tuesday) Frostburg University Frostburg, MD	LH	November 1 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD
KL_	August 9 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD	KV	September 25 (Wednesday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD	LJ	November 6 (Wednesday) Harford Community College Bel Air, MD
KM	August 19 (Monday) Eastern Shore Hospital Center Cambridge, MD	KW_	September 27 (Friday) Eastern Shore Hospital Center Cambridge, MD	LI	November 12 (Tuesday) Eastern Shore Hospital Center Cambridge, MD
KN	August 20 (Tuesday) Frederick Community College Frederick, MD	KX_	September 30 (Monday) Department of Natural Resources Annapolis, MD (LEOPS only)	LK_	November 18 (Monday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD
ко	August 21 (Wednesday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD	KY_	October 9 (Wednesday) Frederick Community College Frederick, MD	LL_	November 21 (Thursday) CCBC – Essex Campus Baltimore, MD
LT	August 22 (Thursday) Western MD Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD	KZ_	October 11 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD	LM	November 22 (Friday) Salisbury University Salisbury, MD
KP	August 29 (Thursday) Allegany College Cumberland, MD	LA	October 17 (Thursday) CCBC – Catonsville Campus Catonsville, MD	LN	December 4 (Wednesday) CCBC – Catonsville Campus Catonsville, MD
LR	August 30 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD	LB_	October 21 (Monday) Salisbury University Salisbury, MD	LO	December 5 (Thursday) Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD
KQ	September 5 (Thursday) Carroll Community College Westminster, MD	LC	October 22 (Tuesday) College of Southern Maryland La Plata, MD	LP_	December 9 (Monday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD
KR	September 13 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD	LE_	October 25 (Friday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD	LS_	December 10 (Tuesday) Prince George's Community College, Prince George's, MD
KS_	September 16 (Monday) Dept. of Agriculture Annapolis, MD	LV_	October 28 (Monday) Western MD Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD	LQ_	December 20 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD
LU	September 19 (Thursday) Western MD Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD (Correctional Officers Only)	LF	October 29 (Tuesday) Cecil Community College North East, MD		

STATE OF MARYLAND PRE-RETIREMENT PLANNING REGISTRATION FORM - FALL 2002

Please print all information

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	County/City Agency	SOCIAL SECU	JRITY #	Location
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Spouse will attend? Yes	No (If Yes, ple	ase complete the followi	ng information.)	
Spouse Information				
Last name	First	Middle Initial	Social Security No.	Birthdate
Employee's Signature	(I authorize CCBC to relea	ase this information to th	Date e State of Maryland.)	
Supervisor's Signature			Date	

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

Community College of Baltimore County Continuing Education Division, B106 **Pre-Retirement Planning Registration** 7201 Rossville Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21237

For information call: 410-780-6632

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